

REMARKS

Claims 3-5 and 7-15 are pending in the application. Claims 10 and 11 are allowed, and claims 3-5, 7-9, and 12-15 have been rejected by the Examiner.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claim 7. Applicant has amended claim 7 to correct the informality noted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 3-5, 7-9, and 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) by relying at least in part on U.S. Patent No. 6,725,080 to Melkent et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,606,925 to Gmeilbauer. Applicant has canceled claims 3, 4, 8, 9, and 12, and Applicant has amended claims 5, 7, and 13-15 to depend from allowed claim 10, thereby rendering moot the rejection of claims 3-5, 7-9, and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 10 and 11 are allowed. Claims 5, 7, and 13-15 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 10.

Final Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 7, 10, 11, and 13-15 are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an additional extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels LLP.

If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 317-237-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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